

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus, comprising: one or a plurality of input portions for inputting a job having a data structure; one or a plurality of output portions; a plurality of compressing/expanding devices which compress data-to-be-outputted included in the job inputted from any one of said input portions and expand the compressed data-to-be-outputted; a job discrimination portion which discriminates, from the data structure of the job, whether the job inputted from any one of said input portions is not required to be outputted without delay; and a controller which controls operation assignment of said plurality of compressing/expanding devices depending on a discrimination result of said job discrimination portion and activates assigned compressing/expanding devices for the job;

wherein, in cases where said job discrimination portion discriminates that the job is not required to be outputted without delay, said controller assigns some of said plurality of compressing/expanding devices so as not to process the job, and wherein, in cases where said job discrimination portion discriminates that the job is required to be outputted without delay, said controller assigns all of said plurality of compressing/expanding so as to process the job.

2. (Original) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein

said any one of output portions is a printer portion, and wherein the job not required to be outputted without delay is a store print job including a confidential print job and an initially-conduct-first-set-of-print job.

3. (Original) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said any one of output portions is a printer portion, and wherein the job not required to be outputted without delay is a facsimile-receive job or an internet-facsimile-receive job to be inputted from outside.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A data processing apparatus, comprising: one or a plurality of input portions for inputting a job having a data structure; one or a plurality of output portions; a plurality of compressing/expanding devices which compress data-to-be-outputted included in the job inputted from any one of said input portions and expand the compressed data-to-be-outputted; a job discrimination portion which discriminates, from the data structure of the job, whether the job inputted from any one of said input portions is not required to be outputted without delay; and a controller which controls operation assignment of said plurality of compressing/expanding devices depending on a discrimination result of said job discrimination portion and activates assigned compressing/expanding devices for the job; as recited in claim 1,

wherein, in cases where said job discrimination portion discriminates that the job is not required to be outputted without delay, said controller changes the operation assignment of said compressing/expanding devices so as to expedite initiation of a subsequent job, and wherein, in cases where said job discrimination

portion discriminates that the job is required to be outputted without delay, said controller changes the operation assignment of said compressing/expanding devices so as to enable early outputting of the job.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein, in cases where said job discrimination portion discriminates that the job is not required to be outputted without delay, said controller further changes the operation assignment of said compressing/expanding devices depending on the type of the job.

7. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein, in cases where a subsequent job is inputted from another input portion during the processing of the current job, said controller activates some of compressing/expanding devices set to be a standby state to execute compression processing of the subsequent job.

8. (Original) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 6, wherein, in cases where the job not required to be outputted without delay is a confidential print job, said controller sets more compressing/expanding devices than those required for another job not required to be outputted without delay to be a standby state.

9-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein, in cases where said job discrimination portion discriminates that the job is not required to be outputted without delay, said controller further changes the operation assignment of said compressing/expanding devices depending on the type of the job.

26. (Currently Amended) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim ~~[[5]]~~ 1, wherein, in cases where a subsequent job is inputted from another input portion during the processing of the current job, said controller activates some of compressing/expanding devices set to be a standby state to execute compression processing of the subsequent job.

27-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said delay comprises a user-initiated delay.

32. (New) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein said any one of output portions is a printer portion, and wherein the job not required to be outputted without delay is a store print job including a confidential print job and

an initially-conduct-first-set-of-print job.

33. (New) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein said any one of output portions is a printer portion, and wherein the job not required to be outputted without delay is a facsimile-receive job or an internet-facsimile-receive job to be inputted from outside.

34. (New) The data processing apparatus as recited in claim 4, wherein said delay comprises a user-initiated delay.